

WHY DO SENIORS NEED THE PROTECTION OF DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS?

Because of a Social Security “marriage penalty,” many seniors would lose hard-earned health care, military or pension benefits if they re-marry, or have to pay higher taxes on their Social Security benefits.

Approving **REFERENDUM 74** allows any seniors age 62 or older to have a domestic partnership if marrying would cause them to lose their retirement or other benefits.

WHY VOTE “APPROVE”?

For referenda, voters are asked if they ‘approve’ the law that was passed or if they ‘reject’ it.

By voting to **APPROVE REFERENDUM 74**, you will vote to preserve domestic partnerships for seniors, and ensure that all loving and committed couples have the freedom to marry.

Sample Ballot

STATE OF WASHINGTON

Referendum 74

The legislature passed Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6239 concerning marriage for same-sex couples, modified domestic-partnership law, and religious freedom, and voters have filed a sufficient referendum petition on this bill. This bill would allow ~~same-sex couples to marry,~~ preserve domestic partnerships only for seniors, and preserve the ~~right of clergy or religious~~ organizations to refuse to perform, recognize, or accommodate any marriage ceremony. Should this bill be:



APPROVED



REJECTED